

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-30 (canceled).

Claim 31 (new): A movable barrier operator having a safety mechanism, comprising:
an electric motor;

a transmission connected to the motor to be driven thereby and connectable to a barrier to be moved;

an accessory control device;

a controller, responsive to a command to move the barrier, for controlling activation of the motor and for controlling operation of the accessory control device, wherein the controller automatically determines whether the accessory control device is present and further controls operation of the accessory control device; and

an operating routine for varying operation of the controller based on the controller detecting the presence of the accessory control device.

Claim 32 (new): The movable barrier operator of claim 31, wherein, upon detecting the presence of the accessory control device, the controller delays starting the motor for a predetermined time after the controller receives the command to move the barrier.

Claim 33 (new): The movable barrier operator of claim 32, wherein the accessory control device causes a user warning alarm during a predetermined delay time.

Claim 34 (new): A method for moving a movable barrier having a motor and a transmission operably connecting the motor and the movable barrier, the method comprising:
receiving a command to move the barrier;
controlling, responsive to a command to move the barrier, operation of the motor;

automatically determining whether an accessory control device is present; and
varying the operation of the motor based on whether the accessory control device is
present.

Claim 35 (new): The method of claim 34, comprising a step of delaying movement of the movable barrier in response to the command to move the barrier upon detecting the presence of the accessory control device.

Claim 36 (new): The method of claim 35, further comprising a step of producing a user warning alarm during a predetermined time of delay of the barrier movement.

Claim 37 (new): A movable barrier operator having a motor and a transmission operably connecting the motor and the barrier to a safety mechanism, comprising:
means for receiving a command to move the barrier ;
means for controlling operation of the motor responsive to a command to move the barrier ;
means for automatically determining whether an accessory control device is present;
and
means for varying the operation of the motor based on whether the accessory control device is present.

Claim 38 (new): The movable barrier operator of claim 37, further comprising means for delaying, in response to the command to move the barrier, movement of the barrier upon detecting the presence of the accessory control device.

Claim 39 (new): The movable barrier operator of claim 38, wherein the accessory control device is producing a user warning alarm during the time the movement of the barrier is delayed.